

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A local drug delivery apparatus comprising:

a medical device for implantation into a treatment site of a living organism;

a layer including at least one agent in therapeutic dosages incorporated in a polymeric matrix and affixed to the medical device for the treatment of reactions by the living organism caused by the medical device or the implantation thereof; and

a water soluble powder affixed to the polymeric matrix for preventing the ~~at least one agent layer affixed to the medical device~~ from separating from the medical device prior to implantation of the medical device at the treatment site, ~~the water soluble powder being affixed to the layer affixed to the medical device.~~

Claim 2 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the medical device comprises an intraluminal medical device.

Claim 3 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the intraluminal medical device comprises a stent.

Claim 4 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one agent comprises an anti-proliferative.

Claim 5 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one agent comprises an anti-inflammatory.

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Claim 6 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one agent comprises an anti-coagulant.

Claim 7 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one agent comprises an immunosuppressant.

Claim 8 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one agent comprises a non-viral gene introducer.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-oxidant.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-coagulant.

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Claim 18-51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (cancelled)